

Dear FCC,

I am writing in response to a disturbing set of actions being taken by the NAB. I fully support any and all broadcasting organizations to determine themselves, and by their customers, what information is valuable to broadcast. I am a user satellite radio (quite happily, in fact) and value the local weather and traffic reports offered in my metropolitan area. Unlike traditional radio stations, I must wait until they are ready to broadcast traffic and weather (eg, at the 5's). In my car, when I want to hear the information, I just tune to the channel. In my opinion, this is a superior way of offering the service, keeping me well informed.

I would hope that you will not support NAB's petition 04-160 which could limit the value of my service. It is critical to allow the marketplace to decide (not government) which technologies, advancements, etc. survive.

I look forward to the FCC continuing its valueable role of regulating the communications industry by insuring the highest of standards and allowing for open competition.

Thank you for your attention  
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